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SUBJ: TURKS SEE US DOUBLE STANDARD FOR TURKISH ACTION IN CYPRUS,
ISRAELI ACTION IN LEBANON

1. AMID UNANIMOUS CONDEMNATION BY TURKEY'S LEADERS AND
MEDIA OF ISRAELI MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON,
ONE THEME THAT STANDS OUT IS AN ADVERSE COMPARISON OF THE US
REACTION THIS CASE VERSUS US REACTION TO THE 1974
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TURKISH INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS.

2. TWO RECENT EXAMPLES:
A. IN MARCH 20 CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN (CIRUCLATION
460,000): "THOSE WHO SCREAMED 'TURKEY USED AMERICAN WEAPONS
IN CYPRUS' ARE NOWHERE TO BE SEEN THIS TIME..ISRAEL IS
OCCUPYING LEBANON, AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

WITH AMERICAN-MADE WEAPONS. WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE APPLICATION OF THE SECTION OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WHICH SAYS 'AMERICAN-MADE WEAPONS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR AGGRESSION'? WHAT ABOUT SENATOR KENNEDY, WHO SAID, 'WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH TURKEY; WE WANT TO ESTABLISH THE FORCE OF LAW IN AMERICA'?...SECRETARY VANCE FOUND THE (ISRAELI) ATTACK JUSTIFIED. THE USA WILL GIVE ISRAEL NEARLY HALF OF THE 1979 FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (175 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CASH SALES HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR TURKEY IN THIS PROGRAM.) THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION MUST SURELY FEEL PEACE OF MIND."

B. IN MARCH 17 LEFTIST CUMHURIYET (CIRCULATION 93,000):
"IF UNITED STATES POLICY WERE ALONG THE LINES OF THE WASHINGTON PROPAGANDISTS, WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE APPLIED AN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST ISRAEL, AT THE LEAST. FOR THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS EMBARGO WAS READY: ISRAEL HAS USED ARMS GIVEN HER BY AMERICA, FOR PURPOSES OUTSIDE THE INTENDED ONES. WASHINGTON DOES NOT RESORT TO SUCH A COURSE, HOWEVER, AND BECAUSE OF THIS A QUESTION COMES TO MIND...
OR HAS AMERICAN GIVEN ISRAEL THESE WEAPONS TO USE THEM FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE BEING USED TODAY"?

3. THIS SORT OF COMMENT IN INCREASINGLY BEING ENCOUNTERED BY EMOFFS AMONT GOT OFFICIALS AND OTHER POLITICAL CONTACTS, WHO, AFTER NOTING WHAT THEY SEE AS THE MIDL US REACTION TO ISRAELI USE OF AMERICAN ARMS IN LEBANON, CONCLUDE THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY CAN NO LONGER BE PORTRAYED AS AN OBLIGATORY APPLICATION OF US LAW. WE WOOULD EXPECT THIS THEME TO BE FURTHER DEVELOPED AS A PART OF THE GOT POSITION IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
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